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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The tariff of rates for agricultural requirements is not at all high."

DR. V. K. JOHN :—" Do the Government consider that the bombing of Japan during war has something to do with the failure of the monsoon? Have the Government investigated it?" (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We as a Cabinet have never sat as a research body to investigate into it."

Dispute between the motor employees and motor bus owners in Eluru.

* 19 *Q.*—SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a dispute between the motor employees and motor bus owners in Eluru was referred to arbitration;

(*b*) if so, when was an award given in the matter;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the terms of the said award, if any, have not been implemented; and

(*d*) if so, what action has been taken by the Government for the proper implementation of the award?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of the Hon. Minister for Land Revenue) :—" (*a*) Disputes in six motor companies, viz., Sri Sitharamanjaneya Motor Service, Sri Venkateswara Motor Service, The Ellore Motor Transport, Ltd., Sri Krishna Balaji Motor Service, Sri Maruthi Motor Service and Sri Ramanjaneya Motor Service, West Godavari district, were referred for adjudication during 1946–47 under the Defence of India Rules.

" (*b*) No award was given in the matter, Sir, as the parties filed a memorandum of compromise before the Tribunal requesting it not to proceed with the enquiry in view of a Court of enquiry which was then constituted to enquire into the general working conditions of the Motor Transport Services in the State.

" (*c*) & (*d*) Does not arise, Sir."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I inquire whether in regard to the award by the general court of inquiry into the grievances of motor transport workers, the award has been implemented by all motor transport owners? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The High Court said that a general inquiry for the whole Province is *ultra vires* because an inquiry like that for the whole Province is wrong. Then the Government passed the Bill in 1949. Even then, there are subsequent references to the validity of it in the judgments of the High Court."

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SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" Sir, my information is that the life of the award given by the general court of inquiry will expire very soon, and that requests have been put forward by responsible national organizations like the Indian National Trade Union Congress to extend the life of the award, so that it may be implemented before its expiry? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" The award could not be enforced due to a High Court decision involving general province-wide reference. However, the life of that award was extended by one year from 14th June 1949 by the Industrial Disputes Amending Act, 1949; so it has been extended up to 14th June 1950. Even now certain transport companies in the West Coast have again challenged the validity of this award and the matter is pending before the High Court. If before the High Court decides it, the time expires we will have to give a further extension of time."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether the dispute in the six motor companies is finally settled? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" No, the matter pending before the High Court will apply also to these companies, because the principle involved is the same."

SRI MOTHEY NARAYANA RAO :—" May I know how long will it take for the Government to tackle this problem; and how are they tackling the problem? "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" We got powers after the passing of the Act in 1949, and the House has given extension of time for the implementation of the award for one year from 14th June 1949; and we are taking steps to implement the award."

Poet-Laureate in Hindustani.

* 20 *Q.*—JANAB ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any Poet-Laureate in the Hindustani language has been appointed by the Government;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name of the gentleman who has been so appointed; and

(*c*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether the Government have considered the desirability of appointing one?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) No. The Government decided to appoint Poet-Laureates only in the four South Indian languages and in Sanskrit.

" (*b*) Nil.

" (*c*) The Government do not think it necessary to appoint one in the Hindustani language."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I inquire, Sir, whether a poet laureate in English will be appointed? " (Laughter.)